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Applicant: FRANZ-BACON, et al.

Examiner: G. Draper

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Title (as amended):
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A
CYSTEINE RICH PROTEIN

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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Honorable Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2000, Paper No. 11, for the above referenced application, Applicants submit the following amendment and response. Accompanying this response is a petition for a three-month extension of time and fee thereby extending the time to respond from October 28, 2000 to January 29, 2001 (January 28, 2001 is a Sunday).

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On the title page; line 7; page 1, line 2; and page 81, line 2, please delete the title "MAMMALIAN GENES; RELATED REAGENTS", and substitute therefore -NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A CYSTEINE RICH PROTEIN--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 19-30 as indicated below.

19. (New) An isolated or recombinant polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising the mature amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.

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